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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER 22, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to an Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 22, 2006. A response to the Office Action was due February 22, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding office action. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the outstanding office action is now due April 22, 2007. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.